proportion to their apportioned export quota as per the provisions of the Export Promotion Act, 1958. The details of the quantity of sugar contracted, quantity released and quantity of sugar shipped for export upto 30-11-1991 as reported by ISGIEICL is given in the statement.

(d) The Government have received requests from few parties for permitting them to export sugar. These were not considered because under the prevailing export policy they are not eligible to export sugar.

Statement

(Qty. in MT)

Sl. No.	Month	Quantity contracted	Quantity released	Quantity actually Shipped
1	March, 1991	1,55,208·0	1,89,184·4	22,500·0
2	April, 1991	..	..	47,122·0
3	May, 1991	..	12,641·5	31,086·0
4	June, 1991	500·0	..	34,129·0
5	July, 1991	1,24,500·0	..	500·0
6	August, 1991	500·0	1,02,324·6	18,600·0
7	September, 1991	5,000·0	88,786·7	35,900·0
8	October, 1991	1,30,500·0	9,500·0*	31,725·0
9	November, 1991	98,000·0	18,760·0	30,075·0
		5,14,208·0	4,21,197·2	2,51,637·0

*Includes 9,760·0 tonnes released out of 1991-92 season's production.

Losses to Sugar Mills

3382. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attenion has been drawn to the news-item published in the Weekly Mail for the week December 1—7, 1991 under the caption "Sugar Mills to incur huge losses";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Government has written to the Governments of sugar producing States about the impliactions of high State Advised Cane Prices on the health of the Sugar Industry. The Government have also taken various measures to improve the viability of sugar factories which include continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45:45, grant of incentives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved during early and late crushing periods, grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest for cane development schemes as well as for modernisation/rehabilitation.

Stock of Foodgrains with Food Corporation of India

3383. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of stock of foodgrains held by the Food Corporation of India at present;